Track team excels in meets

The girls' squad of the Appomattox County High School track team scored victories in a dual meet last Monday against Price Edward, and in a three-way meet last Thursday with William Campbell and Liberty.

The boys' squad was edged out in the dual meet with Prince Edward, and placed second in the three-way meet.

The Appomattox girls' track team won against Prince Edward, 62-49. For Appomattox in the high jump, Kim Shupe placed first; in the long jump, Yolanda Trent placed second; in the discus throw, Nancy Cole placed second; and Cole placed third in the shot put.

In the 100-meter run Angel Goode placed first, Yolanda Trent placed second, and Ronda Morgan placed third.

In the 800-meter relay, the Appomattox team of LaDelle Wright, Yolanda Trent, Ronda Morgan and Angel Goode placed first.

In the 1600-meter run, Lynn Robinson placed first; and in the 400-meter run, Janet Smith placed first, and Kim Shupe placed third.

Lynn Robinson placed second in the 800-meter run; Angel Goode placed first, and Janet Smith third in the 200-meter run; and P.D. Myrick placed second in the 3200-meter run for Appomattox.

The girls' squad from Appomattox won the mile relay. Relay team members included Kim Shupe, Janet Smith, LaDelle Wright, and Tracey Fitch.

Against Prince Edward, the Appomattox boys' squad was defeated 77-59.

Scoring in the various events for Appomattox were John Fedison, who placed third in the long jump; Larry Shorter, who placed third in the triple jump; and Todd Scruggs and Toby Cunningham, who placed first and third, respectively, in the shot put.

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Scruggs also finished second in the discus, and Roger Willis took first place in the pole vault.

Jimmy Fillingame placed third in the high hurdles; and Malcolm Miller, Jack Williams and Mark Mayberry placed first, second and third, respectively, in the 1600-meter run.

In the 400-meter run, Todd Scruggs placed first, and Lewis Napier placed third. Larry Shorter placed third in the 300-meter hurdles; and Malcolm Miller placed first, and Lewis Napier second in the 800-meter run.

In the 3200-meter run, Jack Williams placed first, and Pete Baldwin placed second for the Appomattox boys' squad.

In the three-way meet against William Campbell and Liberty, William Campbell scored 104 points, Appomattox 39, and Liberty 26 in the boys' competition.

Scoring for the Appomattox boys were Todd Scruggs, who took fourth place in the shot put; Roger Willis, who took first place in the pole vault; Malcolm Miller and Mark Mayberry, who took first and third places, respectively, in the 1600-meter run.

In the 400-meter run, Todd Scruggs took first place; in the 800-meter run, Malcolm Miller took first place and Pete Baldwin took fourth place; and in the 3200-meter run, Jack Williams took second place and Pete Baldwin took third place.

The Appomattox boys' squad also won the mile relay. The relay team consisted of Todd Scruggs, Dale Robinson, Todd Thompson, and Larry Shorter.

In the girls' competition of this three-way meet, Appomattox scored 78 points, Liberty scored 35, and William Campbell scored 26 points.

In the high jump, Kim Shupe took first place. In the long jump, Angel Goode took first place, Yolanda Trent took second place, and LaDelle Wright took fourth place.

In the discus throw, Nancy Cole took first place, and Katy Shuster took second.

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the 800-meter relay team of LaDelle Wright, Yolanda Trent, Ronda Morgan and Angel Goode took first place, as did the 1600-meter relay team of Janet Smith, Tracey Fitch, LaDelle Wright and Kim Shupe.

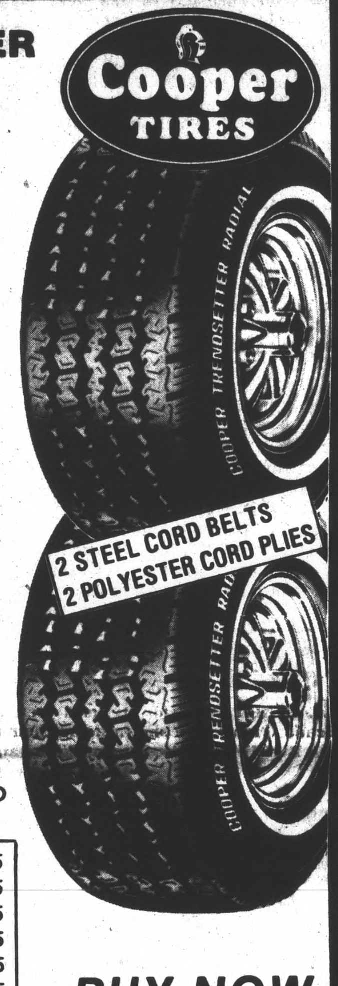
Lynn Robinson won the 1600-meter; and Janet Smith, Kim Shupe, and Terry Trent finished first, second and fourth, respectively in the 400-meter run.

In the 800-meter run, P.D. Myrick and Lynn Robinson finished third and fourth, respectively; and Angel Goode gook first place, while LaDelle Wright took fourth place in the 200-meter run.

P.D. Myrick won the long-distance run of 3200 meters for the Appomattox girls squad, as well.

The track team is scheduled to meet Brookville and Buckingham this Thursday at Appomattox, starting at 4 p.m.

On April 30, the team will meet Nelson County and Jefferson Forest at Appomattox at 4 p.m.



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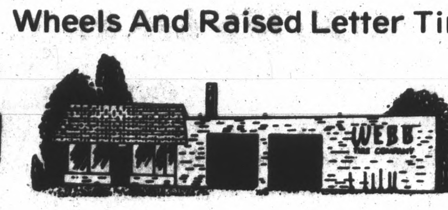

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Times-Virginian SPORTS

MEMBERS OF THE Appomattox County High School track team who were chosen "Track Athletes of the Week" by the coaching staff include (front, from left) Dale Robinson, Larry Shorter, Todd Scruggs, (back from left) Tracey Fitch, Ronda Morgan, and Terri Trent.

Softball team loses 2

Following a 29-8 win against William Campbell last Monday, the Raiderette softball team lost 10-7 to Liberty on Wednesday, and 12-7 to Brookville on Friday.

In Monday's rain-shortened game, the Raiderettes got 29 runs on 24 hits and six walks. Marsha Cheatham, Kim Hancock and Karen McFadden each got four hits, and Hancock got a double, a home run, and recorded four RBIs, as well as four stolen bases.

McFadden had six RBIs, Cheatham and Kim Osborne had three each, and Cheryl Cheatham, Diann Jones and Shelia Mullins each had two RBIs for the Raiderettes.

Against Liberty, the Raiderettes fell behind 1-0 in the first inning, but in the top of the fourth inning, Appomattox scored three. In their half of the fourth however, Liberty scored seven runs, to take an 8-3 lead. The Raiderettes came back with three more runs in the fifth, but Liberty scored twice in their half of the fifth to ice the game at 10-7.

Karen McFadden got three hits for the Raiderettes, and Vivian Seay and Beth Granato got two hits each. Granato had three RBIs for Appomattox.

"We didn't hit the ball very well," said Raiderette coach Mary Tolley. "We had too many pop-ups. But the girls did a good job of bunting and baserunning to produce the seven runs. And Sandra Watkins had a very good defensive game."

In Friday's game against Brookville, the Lady Bees took a 3-2 lead in the first inning, but the Raiderettes came back to score three in the second inning and take a 5-4 lead.

Brookville scored three more in the third, however, to take a 7-5 lead, and the Lady Bees scored three more runs in the fourth inning to take a 10-7 lead, a lead which they never relinquished. The Raiderettes scored twice more in the fifth inning, but the effort was n ot enough to overcome Brookville's lead, and the Lady Bees won the game, 12-7, after scoring two more runs in the fifth inning.

Janet Thomas, Karen McFadden and Shelia Mullins each had two hits for the Raiderettes. "Defensive errors with two outs, and poor hitting were the keys to the game," said coach Tolley after the game.

The week's games brought the team's record to 3-3 overall, 2-3 in the district.

The week, the Raiderettes were scheduled to play Altavista Monday after the Times-Virginian deadline. Today (Wednesday) the team will play Liberty at home at 4 p.m., and Friday, the team will play Rustburg at Rustburg.

Tennis team loses twice

The Raider boys tennis team lost hard-fought tennis matches to Jefferson Forest and Brookville last Tuesday and Friday.

Against Jefferson Forest, Appomattox's Freddie Lawson defeated Chris Howard, 8-1. In doubles, the Raider team of Lawson and Bobby Carter defeated Forest's Chris Howard and Brain Piascik. The third Raider point in the 6-3 loss came when Billy Caldwell and Billy Carter won their doubles match by forfeit, after one of the Jefferson Forest players had to withdraw from the match because of an injury.

The powerful Brookville Bees handed the Raiders their second loss of the week on Friday, by a 7-2 score.

Lawson remained unbeaten with an 8-1 singles victory against Brookville's David Behnke.

The second Raider point came when Lawson and Carter defeated Behnke and Tray Crowder 8-3 in doubles.

The Raiders were scheduled to play Altavista at home Tuesday after the Times-Virginian deadline. Friday, the team will travel to Liberty for a match.

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Raiders win twice

The Raider varsity baseball team lifted their record to 4-2 last week, with wins over William Campbell and Brookville, and a loss to Liberty.

The Raiders shelled William Campbell with 20 hits, including three home runs and three doubles, for a 20-2 victory last Monday.

Appomattox scored seven runs in the first two innings to ice the game. Paul Johnson, Mike Jackson, Tony Chandler, and Gary Ferguson got key hits to give the Raiders their lead in the first two innings.

Jackson pitched four innings to pick up the win, and Tim Austin pitched the final three innings in relief, allowing only one hit in the process.

Leading hitters against William Campbell for the Raiders were Paul Johnson (three for four, three RBIs, one home run), Gary Ferguson (two for three, four RBIs, two home runs), Mike Jackson (three for four, one RBI, three runs scored), Tony Chandler (two for four, three RBIs), and Mike Ferguson (two for three).

In addition to the Raiders' 20 hits, Appomattox had 11 stolen bases against William Campbell.

The tables turned in Wednesday's game against Liberty, which Raider coach Howard Clabough called "the worst game of our season." Appomattox lost, 16-4. "We made eight errors, most of them at crucial points in the game," commented Clabough. Only six of Liberty's 16 runs were earned.

Paul Johnson was the starting pitcher, and recorded the loss. He was relieved by Tim Austin in the third inning, and Mike Ferguson relieved Austin in the seventh.

The Raiders had six hits. Austin and Tom Cobb hit triples, and Ron Guill, Gary Ferguson, Tony Chandler and Russell Walton hit singles for Appomattox.

The Raiders got their game back in gear on Friday, defeating Brookville 6-5.

Brookville took a 2-0 lead in the top of the first inning, with three hits, a base on balls and an error. The Raiders tied the game in the second inning, however, when Mike Jackson reached base on an error, and catcher Russell Walton blasted a two-run homer.

The Raiders took the lead in the bottom of the third inning, when Tim Austin hit a single, stole second base, then scored on a double by Tom Cobb. Cobb moved to third base on the throw-in, then scored on a Gary Ferguson sacrifice fly.

But Brookville was not finished. In the fifth inning, the Bees scored three to take a 5-4 lead.

Then, in the bottom of the sixth inning, Gary Ferguson singled, and Mike Jackson connected for a two-run homer to put the Raiders on top for good, 6-5.

Jackson pitched the whole game for the win, his fourth. He struck out seven, gave up eight hits, and walked two.

Leading hitters were Tom Cobb (two for three, two doubles, one RBI), Russell Walton (home run, two RBIs), and Mike Jackson (home run, two RBIs).

The Raiders were scheduled to play Altavista Monday night after the Times-Virginian's deadline. Wednesday, the team will play at Liberty, and Friday night the Raiders will play a 7 p.m. game under the town ball park lights in Appomattox, against the Rustburg Red Devils.

Girls' tennis team splits

The Raiderette tennis team lost 7-2 to undefeated Brookville Friday, after defeating Jefferson Forest last Monday, 7-2.

"The girls played an excellent match against Jefferson Forest," noted Raiderette coach Jan Jennings. "They were concentrating well, and making good shots. I was especially pleased with their serves, and the points scored going to the net."

In singles, Sally Coleman, Anne Caldwell, Michelle Ford, Donna Dickerson and Anne Hancock were all victorious against their opponents from Jefferson Forest.

In addition, the doubles teams of Coleman-Cladwell, and Dickerson-Stratton, won their matches.

Against a tough Brookville squad, the Raiderettes managed two wins. Sixth-seed Anne Hancock won her singles match, 8-4, over Gena Merritt. In doubles, Donna Dickerson and Monica Stratton defeated their opponents, 8-3.

"All the games were very close and exciting," Jennings said. "The Appomattox girls had some beautiful shots, but were not able to capitalize on them to win."

The coach added that the Raiderettes need to work more on placement and control of the ball.

"The girls were moving well Friday," Jennings said. "We are looking forward to playing Altavista and Liberty this week."

The Altavista match was scheduled for Tuesday at Altavista, after the Times-Virginian deadline.

Friday's match against Liberty is at home. The match is scheduled to begin at 4 p.m.

Satellite group home is dedicated

Patrick Henry Boys Plantation, Inc. of Brookneal, announces the dedication of the new satellite group home for boys at Cluster Springs, Va. to be held Saturday, May 5, at 2 p.m. at the home.

For several years, the need for additional space has been a concern of the board of Patrick Henry Boys Plantation, but the money was not available for such a move.

After many months of investigation and exploring various possibilities, Mr. and Mrs. William Rogers, of Ashland, Va. offered to donate "Sunny View" and 100 acres of land at Cluster Springs. After further study, it was determined this property could be used as a group home for boys and an extensive renovation project was undertaken.

Most of 1983 was taken up with this project and the renovation was completed in late fall at a cost of over $150,000. Mr. and Mrs. James Parker were hired as resident houseparents and have been occupying the home for several months. The first three young men were accepted into the program during March of this year.

Although some furnishings are still needed and the funding is not complete, it is a time top be proud and thankful for this facility and what it will mean in the lives of many young men who otherwise would not have a chance in life.

The home is located six miles south of South Boston, on Route 501 at Cluster Springs, and the public is invited to attend this special program of dedication.

Organic material helps produce a healthy garden

By DIANE RELF
Extension Specialist

Most gardeners know that adding organic material to the soil results in healthier plants. They assume that the healthy plants are a result of nutrients returned to the soil from the organic matter as it breaks down.

This is partially true. If that were all organic matter offered, however, it would be cheaper and easier to simply supply the plants with the needed nutrients by using chemical fertilizers.

Chemical fertilizers are just as effective as organic fertilizers in supplying necessary nutrients. Plants grow and build new tissue by using "ions" or electrically charged sub-molecular particles. No matter what the source of these ions, the plant absorbs them in their inorganic form.

Organic matter in the soil, however, has many other important functions that result in healthier plants. Amoung the things that adding organic matter will do is change the water-holding abilities of the soil.

Adding organic matter to sandy soils causes it to retain more water, while adding organic matter to heavy clay soil causes it to drain better and leave more air space for healthy root development.

These improvements in the soil structure and brought about when the organic matter decomposes or breaks down into humus, the black crumbly material found in a good compost pile. Humus contains substances which cause soil particles to stick together.

In a clay soil, this means that the microscopic individual particles will be clumped together and more air spaces will be opened up between clumps. Without these air spaces the clay particles stick tightly to each other, forming a nearly impenetrable barrier to water and gases. This is why clay is so sticky when wet and hard when dry.

In sandy soils, the large sand particles are clumped with humus, too, the humus adding its moisture-holding capacity. Another benefit of this humus resulting from the organic matter in the soil is that it can hold the ions of different nutrients in an electrical bond on its surface so that they are not washed or leached from the soil.

This means that a soil high in humus does not need as frequent fertilizations since the nutrients are held in the soil until they can be taken up by plants.

Organic matter is also important as a source of food for the many microorganisms that convert the chemicals in the soil into forms that can be used by plants. As organic matter is broken down by microorganisms, they use nitrogen from the soil, as well as the organic matter to live and multiply. Eventually, the compounds that were part of the microorganisms will be released back into the soil to be available for another cycle of plant growth. Since microorganisms use nitrogen, plants growing in a soil high in fresh organic matter may show signs of nitrogen deficiency.

This is particularly confusing to the new gardener who applies the organic matter as a substitute for chemical fertilizers.

A compost pile that will provide humus and partially decayed organic matter will speed the benefits in the vegetable garden or flower bed since much of the microorganisms' work will have been completed. The humus will be ready to do its job of binding together soil particles, improving the structures, and holding nutrient ions for plant use.

VBH plans reunion

May is "Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Month."

As part of the activities, Virginia Baptist Hospital will be hosting a reunion for children hospitalized in their Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

The theme for the event will be "Little Thing Mean A Lot" and any child who has been a patient in the neonatal unit since its opening in 1972 is invited back with its parents to join in the celebration.

The reunion will take place Sunday, May 13 from 1-4 p.m. on the lawn outside the Nurses' Residence.

For more information, please call the Hospital's Community Relations Office, 522-4677.

THE APPOMATTOX GARDEN CLUB planted a white dogwood tree on the grounds of Memorial United Methodist Church as a living memorial to Mrs. Mary Gray (Ivy) Holland. Pictured are Mrs. Martin Webb, left, president of the Appomattox Garden Club, Ivy Holland, center, and Mrs. C. T. Moses, Jr., president-elect of the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs. Mrs. Holland was a member of the Appomattox Garden Club and the Memorial United Methodist Church. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)

In-service news

Robinson promoted

Newly promoted Spec. 4 Noel M. Robinson, son of Selmon and Kathy Robinson of Rural Route 2, Concord, Va., has been decorated with the U.S. Army Commendation Medal at Fort Bragg, N.C.

The Army Commendation Medal is awarded to those individuals who demonstrate outstanding achievement or meritorious service in the performance of their duties on behalf of the Army.

Robinson is an infantryman with the 82nd Airborne Division.

He is a 1982 graduate of Appomattox County High School.

Pulliam in Germany

Army Pfc. Donna M. Pulliam, daughter of Grace G. Pulliam of Rural Route 4, Appomattox, Va., and Richard L. Pulliam of Rustburg, Va., has arrived for duty in Hanau, West Germany.

Pulliam, a military police specialist with the 3rd Armored Division, was previously assigned at Fort George G. Meade, Md.

She is a 1982 graduate of Appomattox County High School.

White is promoted

Marine Cpl. James R. White, son of Laura I. Jones of Route 1, Appomattox, Va., has been promoted to his present rank while serving at the Marine Corps Base Camp Butler on Okinawa.

Riggleman promoted

Marine Cpl. Roy K. Riggleman, stepson of Edward L. and son of B. Mae Surber of Route 1, Spout Spring, Va., has been promoted to his present rank while serving with 2nd Marine Division Camp Lejeune, N.C.

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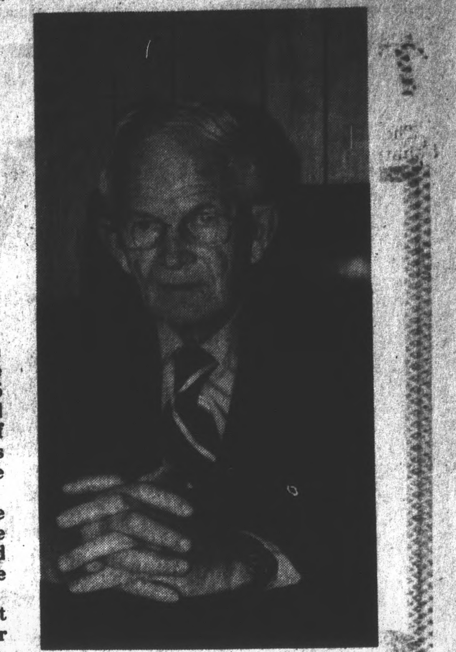
Coleman speaks to Ruritans

Zone III Governor of the Ruritan Clubs, Horace Coleman, addressed the Oakville Ruritan Club at their April 5 meeting. He outlined the aims and goals of Ruritan Club work and some of the Zone III goals, one of which is getting new members for the organization.

"We appreciated the visit from Zone Governor Coleman and hope to have him back in the near future," said Norman Gagneur, member of the Oakville Ruritans.

"Don't forget our flea market scheduled for May 5. Clean out your attics and garages and join us then. We'll let you know more about the flea market later," Gagneur concluded.



Horace Coleman

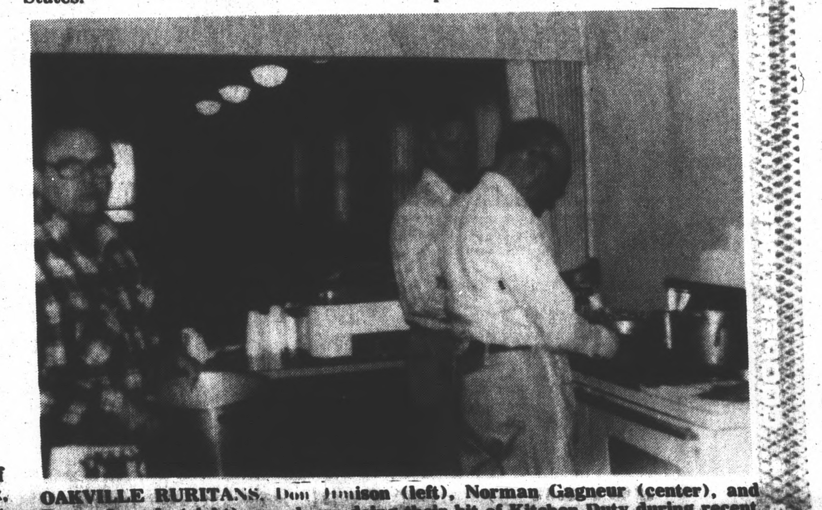
Agriculture forum slated

An agricultural policy forum will be held in Richmond on June 20-21 by the Cooperative Extension Service of Virginia Tech and Virginia State, according to Jim Smith, of the Appomattox Extension office.

The forum will devote attention to policy alternatives for the 1985 Farm Bill and the issues in farm, food, and foreign policy that are of concern to agriculture in Virginia and the United States.

The forum is held annually on a statewide basis to serve farmers, operators of agribusiness firms, members of farm organizations, farm agency personnel, and other interested persons, Smith said.

A $35.00 registration fee will be charged. To obtain more information about the 1984 Forum on the Future of Virginia Agriculture, contact the local office of you Extension Service, telephone 352-8244.



OAKVILLE RURITANS, Don Jimison (left), Norman Gagneur (center), and Buster Lucado (right), are shown doing their bit of Kitchen Duty during recent Linda Booth Benefit Pancake Supper. "We want to thank everyone who came out to make our benefit pancake supper such a success. It was a great time of fun and fellowship and over $625 was raised for this worthy cause," said Norman Gagneur, Ruritan member.

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